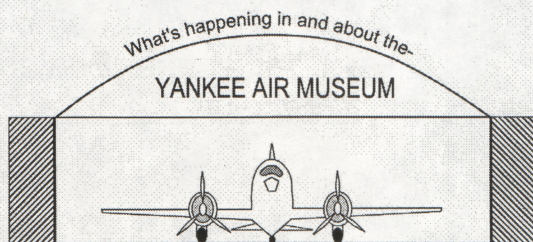
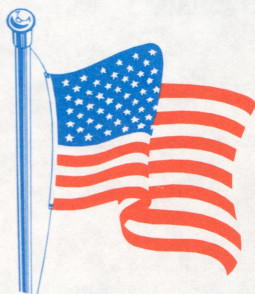


The Newsletter of the Yankee Air Force



Hangar Happenin's



HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S.A.



DAVE STONOSKI

On the return flight from Reading, Pennsylvania, Sunday 6 June 2004, the 60th anniversary of D-Day, YAF's C-47 *Yankee Doodle Dandy* racked up its 1000th flight hour while under our ownership.

Fred Lockwood, pictured in the right seat, has doted over her since acquired in 1982 from ERIM (*Environmental Research Institute of Michigan*) and first flown by the Yankee Air Force on 19 May 1984.

July 2004

Join us on the web: www.yankeeairmuseum.org

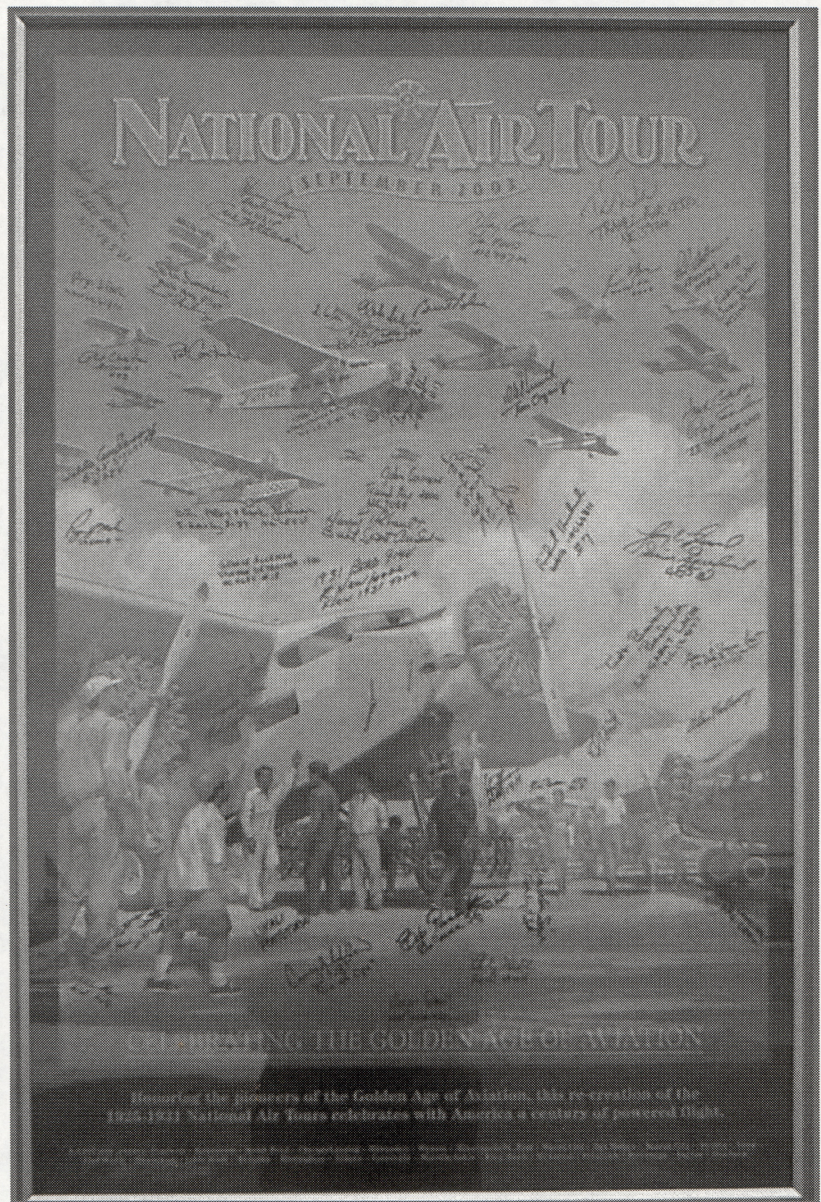
Signed National Air Tour Poster Donated to Yankee Air Museum

A very significant donation has been made to Yankee Air Museum in the form of an official National Air Tour poster autographed by some 80 aviators involved with the historic group of aircraft that participated in the National Air Tour last fall. At a dinner at *Haabs Restaurant* in Ypsilanti, following their return to Willow Run Airport on Wednesday, 24 September 2003, all the pilots and crews signed posters commemorating the event, so that each would have a keepsake of their participation. One of these posters was given to Yankee Air Museum and will now be proudly displayed in our Hangar.

Jane Spires, our National Air Tour event coordinator, had this very rare signed poster, a valuable addition to Yankee's collection, mounted and framed with museum-quality materials. It is unlikely such an event will ever be held again for several reasons. First, 2003 was the 100th Anniversary of Powered Flight, a primary reason for the event to be held. Second, 2003 was also the 100th Anniversary of Ford Motor Company, sponsor of the original air tours from 1925-1931. Third, many of the aircraft were one-of-a-kind reproductions, or historic aircraft taken out of museums for this event only, and slated for static display in museums after the event.

If you didn't get a chance to come out to the YAF Hangar when this group of extraordinary aircraft visited, you can learn more at National Air Tour's website, www.nationalairtour.org. Jane Spires is also collecting images and pictures from the National Air Tour event. If you'd like to contribute any of your photos, place them in Jane Spires' mailbox at the top of the center stairway on the east side our Hangar.

Air crews signing
National Air Tour
posters at
Haabs Restaurant
in historic
downtown
Ypsilanti,
Michigan



POSTER PHOTO BY DAVE STEINER

Yankee Air Museum hopes to participate in the **Michigan Air Tour** scheduled for Friday-Sunday 1-3 October 2004!



The Room 216 Report

by Jon Stevens L 4172 WR

While Mother Nature didn't cooperate as well as we'd have liked, our annual *Memorial Day Open House* came off without too many hitches. The fact that we didn't have a *three-peat* on an airport blackout was a big success, in and of itself!

Our master of ceremonies this year was Yankee Air Museum's Public Relations Director **Bob Hynes**. As the drizzle came down, he introduced our speakers, who included local minister **Dave Anderson**, three original Ford bomber plant *Rosie the Riveters*, and astronaut **Jack Lousma**. Also taking part were four members of the state's emergency response team who helped in the rescue efforts in New York City immediately following the September 11th attacks.

Our Memorial Day pancake breakfast itself came off fairly well, but the time it took to get through the serving line was once again way too long. As we did after last year's *Thunder Over Michigan* air display, we'll have a follow-up meeting to discuss the pros and cons of this event, fine-tuning for next year.

While we don't have the space to name every Memorial Day volunteer individually, I do want to specifically thank **Bob Campbell, Carol Guenther, Bill and Brenda Tonak, Dave Steiner**, and **Debbie Stewart** for their efforts to make this event come off as well as it did.

One question we heard a lot on Memorial Day: "Where's the B-17?" Due to changes in this year's air-show schedule, the *Yankee Lady* began her barnstorming trip to Farmingdale, New York and Reading, Pennsylvania earlier than usual. While the final accounting has not hit my desk yet, I can tell you that we flew almost 200 flight experiences, and had one of our best weekends of selling aircraft tours ever. My thanks to crew chiefs **Norm Ellickson** and **Fred Lockwood**, crew coordinator **Dale Worcester**, and the rest of the crews who helped make this trip a big success!

Plans for our remaining summer events—the *Grosse Ile Air Extravaganza* (June 19th and 20th), *Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day* (July 17th) and *Thunder Over Michigan* (August 7th and 8th)—are proceeding well, and weather permitting, it's going to be a great summer! I hope you'll spend it with us.

As I write this in early June, the flying season has begun, our first big event at Willow Run has come off well, and the last-minute planning for each coming event is getting wrapped up.

As you know, the *Michigan Aerospace Foundation* has kicked off their campaign to finance Yankee Air Museum's expansion at Willow Run. We all have differing financial means, but I ask you to donate what you can to MAF's campaign for our future growth. Individual contributions up to this point have ranged from \$5 to \$10,000. I've already written my first check for this year, and ask you to do the same. Your support for our museum is appreciated—thanks!

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I'd also like thank outgoing treasurer, **Erwin Stirnweis** for his hard work over the last two years. Change and improvement is a constant process, and Erwin has done much to improve our financial and reporting systems. Replacing Erwin is **Les Klima**. Les is a relatively new member, and is a CPA. He brings a high level of professional knowledge and competency to the job and we all look forward to working with him. *Welcome aboard, Les!*

On a closing note, my e-mail crashed in late May, but three weeks later is finally back up and running. It's going to take a while to respond to everyone, but I'm working on it. Thanks for your patience.

As always, if you've got anything you'd like to discuss, please feel free to call me at: **(248) 353-3384** or e-mail me at: **jon_stevens_77@worldnet.att.net**.



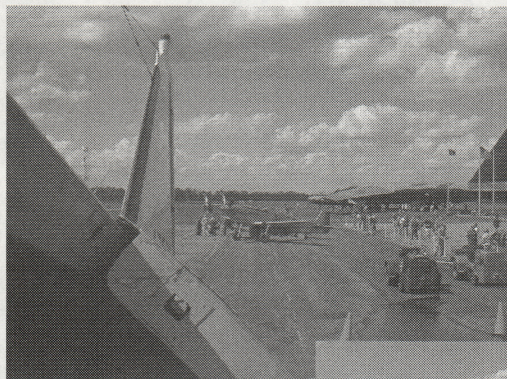
Rosies in the rain (ABOVE)



Astronaut Jack Lousma (AT LEFT)

Photos by Dave Stonoski

UNTIL NEXT MONTH, LET'S KEEP TALKING, AND KEEPING 'EM FLYING!



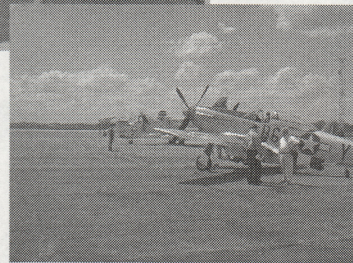
P-51s and B-52 seen from our C-47 (AT LEFT)

T-28, L-39 and P-51s line the ramp (BELOW)

Thank you Bob Lutz, Jack Roush, and the Yankee Flyers!

Photos by Dave Steiner

2004 MEMORIAL DAY FLIGHT LINE



YAF's B-25D *Yankee Warrior* showing off its new glass nose & top turret.

DAVE STONOSKI

BOARD REPORT by Dave Steiner

Bulk AV Gas purchase

The board authorized **Randy Hotton** to enter into a contract to purchase fuel in bulk from *Active Aero*. By purchasing 7000 gallons at a time (about what we use for a flying season) YAF can save considerable money. They will store the fuel for us in their "farm" and truck it to the YAF aircraft as needed for a service charge. Currently the B-17 is sometimes flown to Oakland County Airport in Pontiac to fill up as it is cheaper to do that than fill up at Willow Run!

Michigan house bill could benefit Yankee

House Bill #5669 currently under consideration by the Michigan State Legislature could greatly benefit YAM. This legislation would offer tax incentives/credits for gifts to museums. As written it would allow an individual to give up to \$100 or a couple up to \$200 and get a 50% tax credit. Thus, up to those limits, whatever funds were donated to YAM would really cost the donor(s) only half. Find out more by going to www.michigan.gov and clicking on Legislature. You might also contact your State Representative.

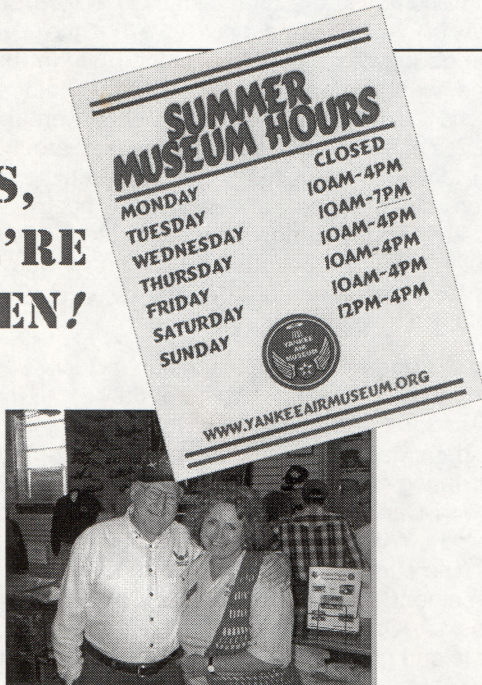
Yellow signs for emergency contact

As part of a disaster preparedness plan, laminated yellow signs with emergency phone numbers will be posted near many phones around the Hangar. If one appears near your phone, make sure it is kept in place and clearly seen. We hope we never have to use them. Should the Hangar phones be out these signs will also list the names of Yankee members with "Yankee" cell phones, who are likely to be on the premises.

Mid-Michigan

There was a lengthy discussion regarding efforts toward re-establishing a Mid-Michigan Division. Two members representing that group, including board member **Andy Robinson**, were involved. The group has not made any effort to implement the October 2003 plan presented by the board that had been approved by the appointed judicial arbitrator. Although the given time frame for that plan has long since expired, many if not all board members and officers are willing to give the group the opportunity to re-establish based on that plan and thus avoid further judicial involvement.

**YES,
WE'RE
OPEN!**



Museum docent **Gene Kennedy** gives **Neoma Stratton** a hug in thanks for doing double-duty keeping our Museum Store open all day and evening on Saturday, April 17th. Neoma is also "minding the store" every Wednesday evening this summer until 7 PM when the Museum is open during FLEX rides. Thanks, Neoma! PHOTO BY DAVE STEINER

B-25 Tour Night and Movie

There wasn't quite the standing-room-only crowd that the first B-17 night attracted, but the B-25 movie event, *Thirty Seconds over Tokyo*, April 17th was sold out and everyone had seats while they enjoyed their popcorn and soda. This movie maybe had a bit too much "violin music" for real propeller heads, but it was still a great way to commemorate the Doolittle Raid. The *Yankee Warrior* is a bit too small to have hundreds of people go through, but airstair platforms were positioned adjacent to the cockpit and waist gun areas so everyone could have a good look inside. **Sara Witt** signed up some more members and **Neoma Stratton** did double-duty by keeping the Museum Store open all day and evening by herself.

The B-17 encore night held April 24th had a smaller crowd, but they enjoyed seeing *Twelve O'Clock High* and toured the B-17, with the engines still warm from check rides given late in the afternoon. Some moviegoers got a chance to see our *Yankee Lady* do a fly-by just minutes before the movie.

What movie would you like to see next ?



CONDOR'S CAVE

by Dick Bodycombe

Dear Members:

Picking up from the trailing end of last month's column, Condor can report that the FAA-required annual pilot training on the *Lady* is nearly complete and preparations for

the 10-day "down East" trip are almost buttoned down.

We will spend the Memorial Day weekend as guests of the *American Airpower Museum* at Republic Field, Farmingdale, on Long Island, New York. This famous airport is the site of the industrial complex that produced one of World War II's premier fighter aircraft, the P-47 Thunderbolt that lovingly became known as the "Jug." In the 1950s and 1960s, Republic also churned out thousands of models of the F-84 jet fighter and the F-105 Thunderchief known as the "Thud."

The AAM has been able to obtain use of part of the original factory layout, including the early control tower and operations center, and rolled it all into a unique air museum. This development could be a useful model for us here at Willow Run.

On Monday, 31 May, we will move over to the Reading, Pennsylvania, airport. There we will do FLEX rides on Tuesday through Friday, 1-4 June, and then participate in the famous Reading weekend airshow along with our C-47 and B-25 aircraft.

Now for a short recap of the fabulous party that I was honored with on Thursday, 22 April. Trying to name everyone responsible for this unforgettable affair would be difficult. For sure, I know I would miss some important people.

I do know it all started with an idea by **Randy Hotton** and **Ray Hunter**, was given a good shove by **Norm Ellickson**, logistically developed by **Barry Vance** and **Casey Hines**, and the frosting on the decorations and gifts (photographic cake included) was applied by **Mary Ann Bittner** and **Bette Watson**. With artistic touches from **Evelyn Rouse**, Bette's huge montage of 20 years of airshow photos was overpowering. **Dale Worcester**'s skillful work to get a piece of aircraft aluminum skin (with the *Lady*'s nose art painted on) was monumental. The inscribed member messages on the margins are memorable. **Linda Terentiak**'s framed watercolor of our B-17 flying out of a rain shower is beautiful.

Since the whole gaggle was advertised as a "roast," many of our YAF pilots who I've been privileged to have flown with over the years stepped confidently forward to the microphone and performed. Airborne incidents described by **Ray Nickels**, **Grant Schwartz**, and **Randy Hotton** brought back interesting memories. My longtime friend **Jack Blanchard**'s recount of an approach we made in the *Ford Boeing 727* to the challenging old pier-like runway at Hong Kong's *Kai Tak* airport seemed

almost like yesterday (it really was 30 years ago). The well-chosen and thoughtful words of **Bill Wier** and **Norm Ellickson** were very meaningful to me. In summary—what a party!

I am reluctant to end this month's column on a "down" note, but the B-17 warbird community suffered two major tragedies recently.

First, YAF's good friend, Col. Bob Morgan, wartime pilot of the famous *Memphis Belle* B-17, died in his hometown of Asheville, North Carolina, from complications resulting from a fall. Always a strong supporter of the YAF on the airshow circuit, I have a vivid memory of Bob and his reaction to getting his hands on the *Lady* in flight. In the late 1990s we were doing an appearance for the Tiffin, Ohio, school system. Bob was scheduled as the inspirational speaker at a gala dinner in the Tiffin



Dick Bodycombe, Linda Morgan, Don Harner and Bob Morgan with the *Yankee Lady* in Tiffin, Ohio

Convention Center. The afternoon before his speech, we were tasked to fly over all the community's outlying schools that comprise the total district. I invited Bob to go along with us, and as soon as we got the *Yankee Lady* trimmed up after take-off, I popped him in the left seat. The weather was marginal but he held every heading and altitude like the instruments were stuck. In 45 minutes or so, we had flown all the way around the course. I looked over at his hands and could see his fingers were clenched and frozen to the wheel. I said, "Bob, you have to let go now so we can land." He said emphatically "No." He continued by saying he knew the *Lady* was the most beautiful of all the flying B-17s and he wasn't going to let go. What a man!

The second tragedy was the landing "incident" at the Van Nuys, California, airport where the Experimental Aircraft Association's B-17 *Aluminum Overcast* was severely damaged when both main landing gears collapsed during the roll-out. Norm Ellickson has been in touch with Daryl Lenz, EAA's Maintenance Director, and offered YAF's assistance during the rebuild activities. The current game plan seems to be to acquire four replacement engines and propellers, and ferry the aircraft back to Oshkosh to repair the crash damage to the airframe and gear there.

More next month on how the EAA people are progressing with the problems associated with this unfortunate event.

CONDOR



VIETNAM VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY

SATURDAY 17 JULY 2004

Special Yankee Air Museum Event



Yankee Air Museum's collection of Vietnam-era aircraft (one of the largest anywhere) will be featured during this day-long event. Vietnam veterans who worked around or flew these planes will be admitted free for the daytime activities and are invited to come "sit under the wings" and tell attendees about their experiences.

Normal museum admission prices will be in effect for the general public. The Museum Store will remain open during the day to the general public as usual. The museum will close at 4 PM to get ready for the evening's event.

The evening program will feature a panel of veterans, including Yankee members, who flew Vietnam-era aircraft. They will be relating some of their experiences in the Southeast Asian conflict.

Tickets are on sale now for the evening activity (**NO FREE EVENING ADMISSION**) including supper with limited seating.

To order your tickets: **CALL YANKEE AIR MUSEUM (734) 483-4030 EXT 223 ASK FOR SARA WITT**

The B-52 guarding Yankee Air Museum has Vietnam combat time.



PHOTOS BY DAVE STEINER

Day Program

Saturday **only** 17 July 2004 10 AM - 4 PM

Admission: Vietnam veterans FREE
Museum members FREE

General admittance

\$7 Adults \$5 Teens & Seniors (62+) \$3 Children (5-12)

Evening Program Panel Discussion

Saturday **only** 17 July 2004 6 PM - 10 PM

Admission: \$15 includes meal in the mess tent

Menu: Don't ask...you don't want to know!

Panel discussion members will include:

Col. Richard Atchison USAF (Ret.)

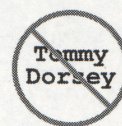
Forward air controller (FAC) Call Sign: *NAIL 229*

LCDR Dan Conrad USN (Ret.)

Founding member of the OV-10 Unit VAL-4 known as the *Black Ponies*

Music on the PA

*The Mamas and
& the Papas
The Doors
Rolling Stones
Petula Clark
John Denver*



VIETNAM ERA AIRCRAFT AT YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

F-105B Thunderchief
F-4C Phantom
UH-1H Iroquois (Huey)
TF-102 Delta Dagger
RB-57A Canberra
EA-6A Intruder
A-7D Corsair II
YOV-10A Bronco
B-52D Stratofortress
C-47B Skytrain

VIETNAM EVENING PROGRAM

NAME _____

\$15

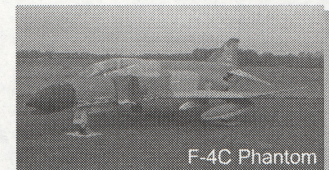
TELEPHONE _____

HOW MANY TICKETS? X COST PER TICKET = TOTAL ENCLOSED

VISA and MasterCard accepted

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Please send payment with stamped, addressed return envelope.



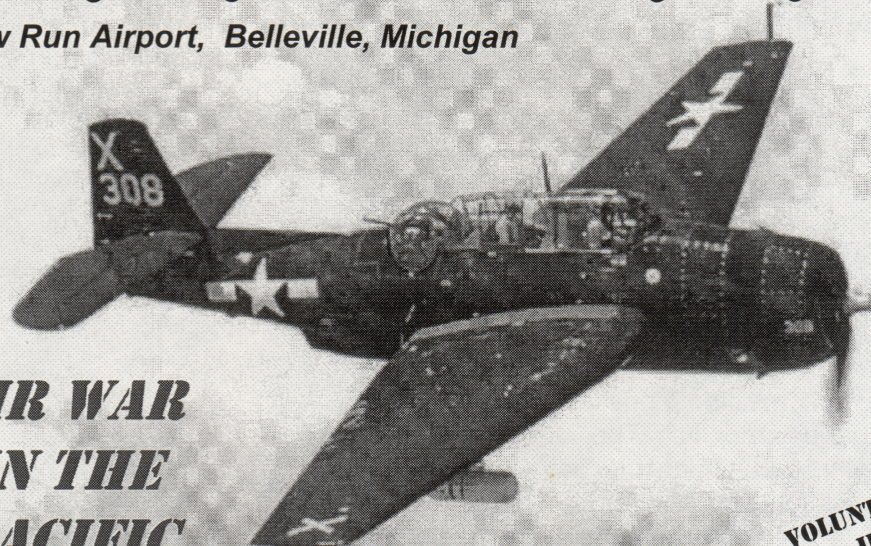
F-4C Phantom

Mail to **Yankee Air Museum Store**
P O Box 590
Belleville MI 48112-0590

THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN 2004

Saturday, August 7th and Sunday, August 8th

Willow Run Airport, Belleville, Michigan



AIR WAR IN THE PACIFIC

**VOLUNTEER ROUND-UP
10 JULY 2004 1 PM
YAF MEETING ROOM**

*Come see one of the largest warbird events
in North America, featuring a salute to Naval Aviation
including 17 TBM Avengers scheduled to attend!*

*It's sure to be a show that's not to be missed.
Saturday, August 7th and Sunday August 8th*

Hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm BOTH DAYS

GATE PRICES

\$15.00 (16 + years old)

\$10.00 (7-15 years old)

FREE (6 years old & under)

ADVANCE TICKET PRICES

\$10.00 YAF MEMBERS ONLY

\$12.00 (16+ years old)

\$8.00 (7-15 years old)

*For additional information about advance ticket sales visit
www.yankeeairmuseum.org*

Want to get in early?

**Check www.yankeeairmuseum.org for more information on
Arrival Day Admission and Photo Tours.**

Tickets now on sale! \$ 65

*includes admission to Saturday and Sunday air displays,
plus dinner and symposium Saturday evening.*

TICKET
MAIL ORDERS
MUST REACH THE
YAF MUSEUM STORE
BY THURSDAY
JULY 29, 2004

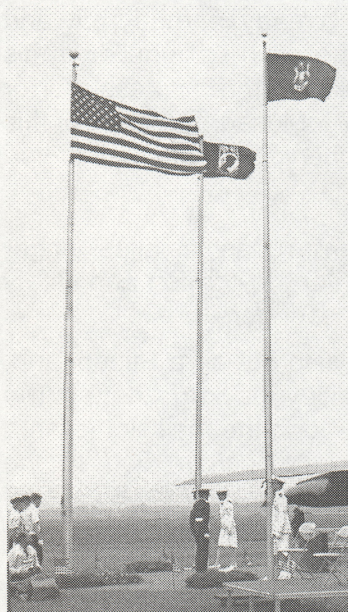
Send a
stamped
pre-addressed
return envelope with
payment to

**Yankee Air Force
PO Box 590
Belleville MI
48112-0590**

VISA / MC
also
accepted
by phone
(734) 483-4030
Ext 202

IN-STORE ADVANCE
PURCHASE & PICK-UP
ENDING SUNDAY
AUGUST 1, 2004

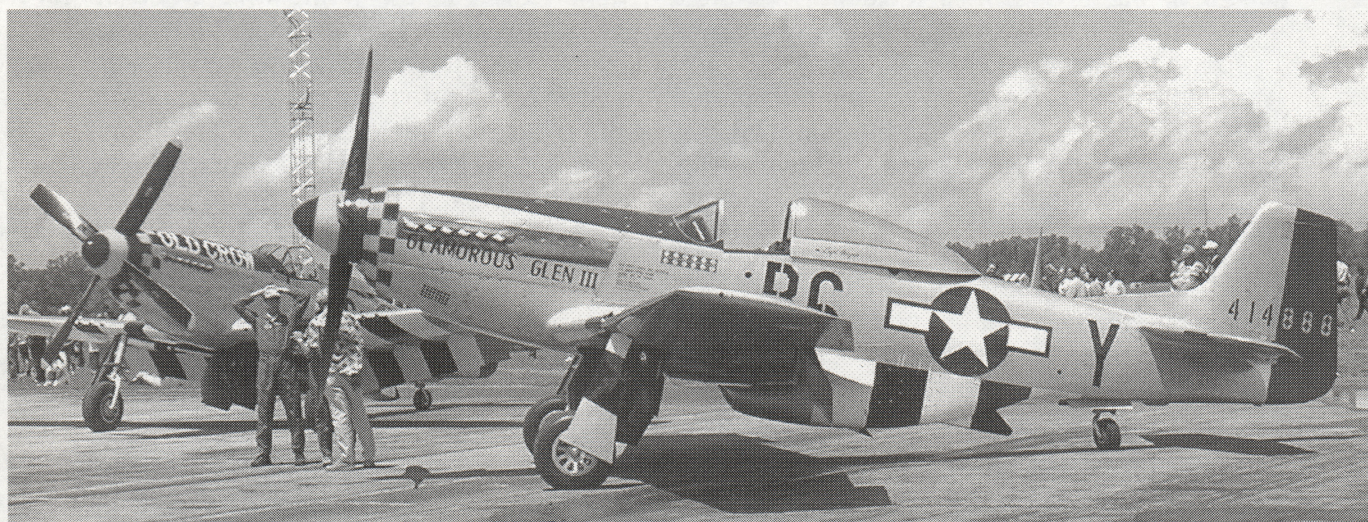
Memorial Day 2004



Photos by **DAVE STONOSKI**



Roger Sherman with a real *Rosie the Riveter*, one of our guests of honor



Brace of P-51D Mustangs owned by YAF member Jack Roush grace the ramp on Memorial Day Monday 31 May 2004.

Both are in the markings of the 8th Air Force, 357th Fighter Group.

Glamorous Glen III replicates the Mustang flown by Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager.

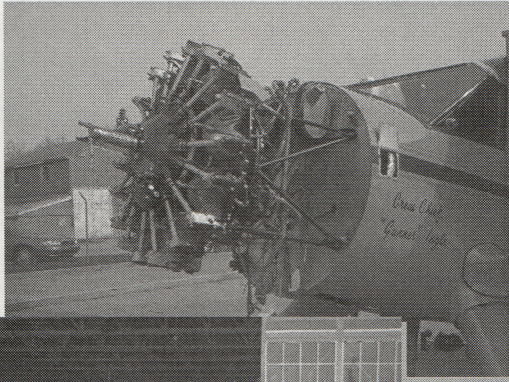
Old Crow is in the markings of Clarence "Bud" Anderson's World War II mount.

Old Crow has been in the Detroit area a long time, formerly owned and flown by Bob Byrne when it was known as *Rascal*. Jack Roush's *Glamorous Glen III* is a very recent restoration and made its first public appearance after rebuild at our 2003 *Thunder Over Michigan*.

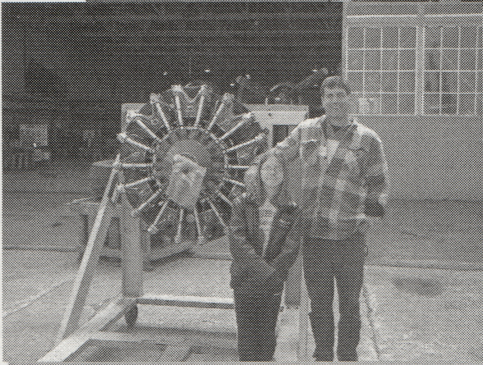
- **TODD HACKBARTH**

Stinson gets its engine back, flying schedule set for season !

DAVE STEINER (2)



Jeff Guy and his ten-year-old daughter Jessica delivered the rebuilt Stinson engine to YAF's Hangar at Willow Run on Saturday, April 10th. Jeff asked "How much to join the YAF?" and was told our Life Membership is only \$600. He replied that he already earned that and more with the deal he gave us rebuilding this hefty radial! Thanks, Jeff and Jessica, for helping out Yankee Air Museum. A copy of this issue of *Hangar Happenin's* will be sent to you hot off the press.



More good news! **Ray Hunter** has installed longer seatbelts in our Stinson V-77 for the comfort and safety of any seatbelt-challenged passengers.

If you'd like to fly along and help out on a Stinson trip, get in touch with **Ray Hunter** by leaving a note in the Flyable Aircraft mailbox or through the mail slot located to the right of the doorway to the *Richard Bodycombe Flight Operations Office*. Or call Ray (734) 668-6059 or e-mail HuntersofA2@aol.com.

Daughter & Dad Delivery Service!

Jessica & Jeff Guy pose proudly with the engine rebuilt for YAF.

After a long winter and a lot of hard work by Stinson Crew Chief **Gunner Ingle**, the Stinson flying season begins in July. The complete overhaul of the 9-cylinder Lycoming radial engine included all of the accessories including the starter, generator, vacuum pump and propeller governor. Gunner installed an oil filtration system and a pre-oiling system to pressurize the engine oil system prior to engine starts. A leaky fuel selector valve was changed and a new battery box was installed. The electrical system was partially rewired and a rotating beacon was installed. All seat belts were replaced and the windshield was removed and sealed. Other work done by **Brian Moehring** and **Bob Bomar** included refurbishing the seat tracks, relocation of the fuel primer, and repair of the landing light.

Our Stinson Reliant's flying schedule is shown below. There will be room for two qualified Yankee Air Force pilots and two YAF members to go on these flights. The purpose of our Stinson flight program is to generate new members for the Yankee Air Force.

We fly the Stinson to various pancake breakfasts in South-eastern Michigan. Duties for pilots and members at these events include setting up a table and providing YAF information. Each member who joins at these events is eligible for a short flight in our Stinson.



DARLENE IMUS

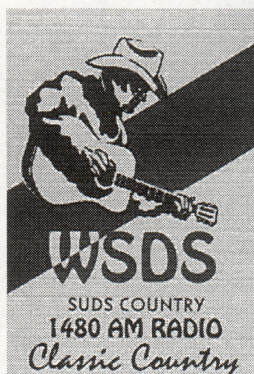
Date	Location	Departure Time	Return Time
3 July	Clare, MI	6:30AM	Noon
11 July	Marshall, MI	8:00AM	4:00PM
18 July	East Tawas, MI	6:00AM	Noon
15 August	Saginaw, MI	7:00AM	Noon
22 August	Howell, MI	7:00AM	Noon
11 September	Troy, MI	7:30AM	2:00PM
26 September	Port Huron	8:00AM	4:00PM
1 October	Michigan Air Tour	TBA	TBA
2 October	Michigan Air Tour	TBA	TBA
3 October	Michigan Air Tour	TBA	TBA
9 October	Romeo, MI	7:00AM	Noon

2004 YANKEE AIR FORCE AIRSHOW SCHEDULE

B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Jly 02-03	Goshen Airshow	Goshen, IN
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Jly 09-11	Geneseo Airshow "History of Flight"	Geneseo, NY
		C-47?	Jly 13	YAF member trip to Chanute Museum	Rantoul, IL
B-17!			Jly 23-25	Air Expo 2004-Wings / North -FLEX	EdenPrairie MN
	B-25!		Jly 25	Cranbrook Flyby - car show	BloomfldHls,MI
		C-47!	Jly 27	YAF member trip to Mackinac Island	Mackinac, MI
		C-47?	Jly 28	YAF member trip to Mackinac Island	Mackinac, MI
B-17!			Jly 30-01	Indianapolis Airshow 2004 TB -FLEX	Mt Comfort,IN
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Aug 07-08	Air Display 2004-Thunder Over Mich	Willow Run, MI
		C-47?	Aug 10	YAF member trip to USAF Museum	Springfield,OH
B-17!			Aug 13-15	Westover ARB Open House	Chicopee, MA
	B-25!	C-47!	Aug 15	Pontiac Airport Open House -FLEX	Waterford, MI
	Stnsn!		Aug 15	YAF Saginaw Division Dawn Patrol	Saginaw, MI
B-17!		C-47!	Aug 21-22	Airport Open House/Static Dsp -FLEX	Delaware, OH
	B-25!		Aug 20-21	Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Commemoratv	Oscoda, MI
	B-25!		Aug 21-22	Aircraft Static Display -FLEX	HarborSprngs,MI
		C-47!	Aug 24	YAF member trip to New K-zoo Air Zoo	Kalamazoo, MI
		C-47?	Aug 25	YAF member trip to New K-zoo Air Zoo	Kalamazoo, MI
B-17!	B-25!		Aug 27-29	Toledo Airshow TB	Toledo, OH
	B-25!		Sep 03-04	Fly-In / Cruise-In -FLEX	Marion, IN
			Sep 06	Labor Day	
B-17!	B-25!		Sep 11-12	Aviation Day with Flair-Kent State	Stow, OH
		C-47?	Sep 14	YAF member trip to USAF Museum	Springfield,OH
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Sep 19	YAF Founder's Day Open House	Willow Run, MI
B-17!		C-47!	Sep 24-27	Aviation Hall of Fame display -FLEX	Teterboro, NJ
B-17!			Oct 01-03	U.S. Aviation Museum Airshow -FLEX	Euclid,OH (CGF)
		C-47?	Oct 03-08	YAF member trip to NC, GA, FL	
				Battleship USS North Carolina	Wilmington, NC
				Mighty Eighth Air Force Her. Museum	Savannah, GA
				U.S. Naval Aviation Museum	Pensacola, FL
B-17!			Oct 09	Boy Scout Open House/Static Display	Romeo, MI

! Definite ? Tentative FLEX Flight Experiences TB US Air Force Thunderbirds

Did you know ? **EVELYN ROUSE** is usually here on Saturday mornings and she makes GREAT SIGNS ! Whether you need one or many, small or large, regular or calligraphy, bring your requests to Evelyn in the *Hangar Happenin's* office, Room 223 on the second floor, or just use the mail slot in our door if "nobody's home." Please include your phone number and indicate a time you plan to return to pick up your new signs!



UPDATE! We are pleased to be working with **WSDS 1480 AM** Radio on a weekly 2-hour program **THE B-24 LIBERATOR SHOW** now scheduled for every SATURDAY from 9-11 AM. Big Band music will be featured with Yankee Air Museum news, upcoming events, historical perspectives and interviews. Brush off your favorite story and get ready to tell it on the radio! WSDS will be the first radio station in southeast Michigan (and one of only ten pioneer stations in the US) to broadcast digitally around the clock, 7 days a week. Digital radio is the techno-twin of high-definition TV, allowing listeners to hear a weak AM signal clearly inside office buildings and vehicles. Our show will also be available at www.wsd1480.com on the internet. Family and friends can listen anywhere in the world now, so make it a great story! Call WSDS Sales Manager **Laura Barnes**, WSDS Volunteer **Mike Cayley**, or **George Koch** at (734) 484-1480 for more information.

FLY GOONEY !

This flying season our C-47 *Yankee Doodle Dandy* will once again take Yankee members to destinations of interest. Seats are first-come, first-served, so get your check, MasterCard or VISA payment in pronto. Except as noted, price covers only flight cost, not admission to the museums, food or any ground transportation necessary.



DATE			DESTINATION	ROUND TRIP COST
Sunday	June	27	Dayton, Ohio USAF Museum, Wright-Patterson AFB	\$ 100
Tuesday	July	13	Chanute Field at Rantoul, Illinois once Chanute AFB	\$ 165
Tuesday	July	27	Mackinac Island	\$ 155
Wednesday	July	28	Mackinac Island <u>NEW TRIP!</u>	\$ 155
Tuesday	Aug	10	Dayton, Ohio USAF Museum, Wright-Patterson AFB	\$ 100
Tuesday	Aug	24	Kalamazoo, Michigan The New Air Zoo	SOLD OUT
Wednesday	Aug	25	Kalamazoo, Michigan <u>NEW TRIP!</u>	\$ 65
Tuesday	Sept	14	Dayton, Ohio USAF Museum, Wright-Patterson AFB	\$ 100
Sunday	Oct	3	Grand Tour: Wilmington, North Carolina USS North Carolina	
returning			Savannah, Georgia 8th AF Museum	
Friday	Oct	8	Pensacola, Florida Naval Air Museum	
Includes airplane expenses, motel with dual occupancy, ground transportation, and museum admittance: \$ 900				

Our C-47 *Yankee Doodle Dandy* reached 1000 flight hours on 6 June 2004 during its return from Reading, Pennsylvania!

NAME _____		YAF MEMBER # _____	PHONE NUMBER _____
DATE _____	DESTINATION _____	HOW MANY SEATS? X COST PER SEAT =	TOTAL ENCLOSED _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS _____		VISA and MasterCard accepted 	

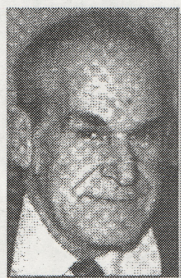
Yankee Air Museum reserves the right to cancel any of these excursions at any time and refund the participant the full amount paid. Refunds will not be granted except for trips cancelled by Yankee Air Museum. Checks payable to **Yankee Air Force Inc.** SEND TO: **PO Box 590 Belleville MI 48112-0590** Call (734) 483-4030 Ext. 223 Sara Witt to pay by credit card.

In Memory Of...

JIM E. UHLEY

10 January 1927 - 2 May 2004

YAF Life Member #973 WR



On May 2, 2004, Yankee Air Force lost a longtime member and friend, **Jim Uhley**. For those who don't know Jim, he was a member of a group who called themselves the *Yankee Flyers*. This group consisted of **Jim Uhley**, **Walt Hart**, **Frank Day** (each having passed away) and **Bob Wenzel**.

Jim Uhley flying a T-28A over the Detroit River on Memorial Day 2003. Photo taken by **Roger Sherman** from the B-17 *Yankee Lady*.



They flew a T-6 and a T-28. Their aircraft used to be in our hangar, but years ago moved down the ramp to what is now the *Marlin Air* hangar. Jim Uhley and his group did many things for Yankee which I did not know or many of you probably didn't know either. While talking to **Norm Ellickson** about Jim, he said he thought when we first flew our C-47 in 1984 that Jim and his group bought the first tank of gas for it. More reflections came from **Fred Lockwood** who said when we first moved into this hangar, we did not have ladders, shovels, tools, etc. Miraculously they all appeared within a few days. He knew it was Jim Uhley who made it happen. Jim was always up front with his personal opinions on current issues, even though those opinions were often controversial. I have known Jim for 19 years and what a pleasure it has been. I have flown with him in the T-28—what a thrill that was! Jim will be greatly missed by us all. We certainly are glad that we have known him.

~ **Bette Watson**

CONNIE'S

O
R
N
E
R

by
Connie Kosek



Memorial wreath presentation

Planes & people in our air park



*The Fourth of July will always be my favorite holiday.
I have such fond memories ... especially the years from 1937 to 1941.*

My father always took his two-week vacation on the last week of June through the first week of July. We would drive 600 miles to Murphysboro, Illinois where my father's parents lived. My parents would load up us four kids into our *Model A* Ford and pack the running boards with our suitcases. We hung our bathing suits on the side view mirror because one never knew if we might find a swimming hole somewhere in route (remember, there were no motels with pools back then).

For amusement while driving, we would count gas stations and *Burma Shave* signs. My dad would stop now and then to get gas and we all got a treat (a bottle of cream soda pop). We dined on box lunches that my mother prepared: peanut butter and jelly sandwiches (remember, there were no fast food places, either).

All of my father's family drove in from other states, too. We'd gather at my aunt and uncle's farm 20 miles outside of Murphysboro where we looked forward to eating fresh-grown watermelon each summer. Upon our arrival in Murphysboro, my dad drove us around "Old Town" to show us the many streets where cement steps leading up to empty spaces were all that remained of the beautiful homes that had once stood there. They had been picked up and blown away by three simultaneous tornados that had met and hit the town on the same day.

The town of Murphysboro was all decked out in red, white and blue flags and swags on Main Street, anticipating the Fourth of July Parade. My dad would proudly march in the parade with his boyhood friends who he had gone to school

with and had joined the service with in World War I. Fortunately they had all survived.

After the parade, we would all go to Riverside Park to meet at the gazebo to listen to the band play patriotic music – complete with baton twirlers to watch.

Later in the afternoon, we would play games and races. Then all would gather at the park band shell for a talent show. Most of us sat on the lawn on a blanket while some would park their autos by the roadside and honked their horns while we clapped our hands for all the entertainers. When dusk set in, out came the fireworks. How beautiful!

But soon our Fourth of July vacations ended when World War II came upon us. No more traveling by auto because gas was rationed and tires were hard to get. My brothers and cousins all went to war. No more *Burma Shave* signs or gas stations to count.

Yes, the war changed all of our lives, but we can still have happy memories. So enjoy your freedom. Many lives were lost to preserve it. Freedom is never free.

Happy Fourth of July !

Thanks, dear YAF members who took the time to send letters and e-mails. Some loved Ernie Pyle as much as I did, and others cared for history being correct.

I thank you.

~ Connie





YAF MAIL ORDER PROGRAM



YANKEE LADY FLIGHT EXPERIENCE CAP

Baseball style cap comes in navy blue or light tan color. The *Yankee Lady* and *B-17G* are embroidered on the front. The words *Yankee Lady Flight Experience* are embroidered on the left side. The navy blue cap has white piping along the edge of the visor. Caps have size adjustment clasps.

\$25.00

\$26.50

Michigan Residents

EMBROIDERED POLO SHIRT

100% cotton shirt has knit collar, single pocket and wood-tone buttons at the collar. All seams are double stitched. Shirt comes in light tan or navy blue. You choose the logo you want embroidered on the left chest.

\$29.00

\$30.74

Michigan Residents

LIGHTWEIGHT JACKET

Navy blue microfiber jacket is just right to wear during spring or fall. Jacket has two secured pockets on the outside and one on the inside. The collar is fastened with a button and the cuffs have adjustable snaps. An elasticized waistband ensures a snug fit. You choose the logo you want embroidered on the left chest.

\$89.00

\$94.34

Michigan Residents

C-47 YANKEE DOODLE DANDY CAP

Navy blue baseball style cap featuring the *Yankee Doodle Dandy* logo embroidered in six colors. Cap can be adjusted to different sizes.

\$25.00

\$26.50

Michigan Residents

YANKEE AIR FORCE MEMBER CAP

Navy blue baseball style cap. The wing and star *Yankee Air Force* logo is embroidered on the front. The words *Member* and *Yankee Air Force* show your pride in our organization. Cap has a size adjustment clasp.

\$25.00

\$26.50

Michigan Residents

ALLOW 3 TO 4 WEEKS FOR FREE DELIVERY

TO ORDER CIRCLE THE ITEM ABOVE

Make your check payable to the **YANKEE AIR MUSEUM**

CIRCLE the JACKET or SHIRT size you would like: Men's Medium Men's Large Men's XL Men's 2XL

CIRCLE the FLIGHT EXPERIENCE CAP color you would like: Navy Blue Light Tan

CIRCLE the POLO SHIRT color you would like: Navy Blue Light Tan

CIRCLE the logo you want embroidered on your JACKET or SHIRT:



NO EXTRA CHARGE TO HAVE YOUR NAME EMBROIDERED

Name to be embroidered on JACKET or SHIRT: _____

Name _____

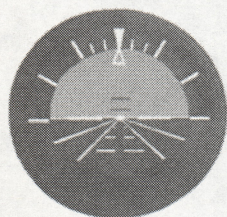
Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Best time to call _____

Mail this order form to:

MAIL ORDER OFFER
YANKEE AIR MUSEUM STORE
P.O. BOX 590
BELLEVILLE, MI 48112-0590



ON THE HORIZON

WHAT'S HAPPENIN' AT YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

East side of Willow Run Airport
at Beck & Ecorse Roads

www.yankeeairmuseum.org



*Museum and Store open
Wednesday evenings
until 7 PM*

JULY 2004

Saturday July 10th:

Volunteer sign-up for *Thunder Over Michigan 2004*

1 PM in our Members' Meeting Room at the Hangar
Volunteers will receive an event T-shirt and free admission to the daytime activities.
We need four crews for admission, about 50 people working half a day each.
The rest of the time you can enjoy the show!

Saturday July 17th:

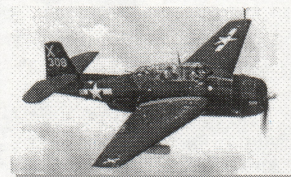
VIETNAM VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY

A special day-long event with evening symposium. See Page 7 of this issue!

AUGUST 2004

Saturday-Sunday
August 7th-8th:

Thunder Over Michigan 2004 Air Display and Symposium
at Yankee Air Museum, Willow Run Airport
See Page 8 of this issue or www.yankeeairmuseum.org



Saturday August 14th:

Michigan Aerospace Foundation fundraiser at the Yankee Air Museum

Sunday August 15th:

YAF Saginaw Division Dawn Patrol > B-25 and Stinson!

SEPTEMBER 2004

Thursday September 9th: **YAF GOLF WAR**, Pine View Golf Course, Ypsilanti, Michigan
10 AM start Call (734) 645-1150

Sunday September 12th: **Sally Ride Science Festival**

Saturday September 18th: **Annual Meeting of the Yankee Air Force, Inc.**
1 PM in our Meeting Room
Dinner Dance \$50 a couple *TICKETS IN THE MUSEUM STORE*
5:30 PM - Midnight **LIVE BAND!**



TO BE ANNOUNCED ! **Volunteer Appreciation Barbeque**

*For reservations or more information about any of our events at Yankee Air Museum
call (734) 483-4030 and ask for **Sara Witt**.*

Hangar Happenin's

Let me fly this by you.....



From cockpit of ...

Dale Feigley

FEIGLEY BUICK OLDSMOBILE

Dave, I'll be glad to once again provide lunch at the turn and balls for the YAF GOLF WAR Sept 9th. But still can't believe that Les Kellogg won the *Longest Putt Made* contest last year!
Dale

HANGAR HAPPENIN'S BROUGHT TO YOU BY



HURON VALLEY
Printing & Imaging

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM
PO BOX 590
BELLEVILLE MI 48112-0590

YANKEE AIR FORCE GOLF WAR 2004

Thursday 9 September 2004

Pine View Golf Course
Ypsilanti, Michigan
(formerly McEnnon Airfield)

10:00 AM Tee-Off
\$50 (\$40 Seniors 60+)

Payable to
Yankee Air Force, Inc.
PO Box 590
Belleville MI 48111-0590



Fees postmarked by August 1st will be entered into **both** bomber ride drawings that will take place as part of this event!

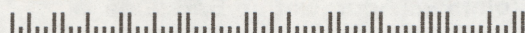
We'll have door prizes for everyone, lunch at the turn and YAF GOLF WAR balls provided by *Feigley Buick Oldsmobile*. The event is for anyone who is plane and/or golf crazy! Don't worry about your golf skills!

For more info contact: Dave Steiner (734) 645-1150
davesteiner@blackmoreco.com

SPONSORS and PLAYERS NEEDED!

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Permit No. 56
Belleville, Michigan USA

*****3-DIGIT 483 1604 S6 P1
DAVID T. SAUNDERS
5010 CLEARVIEW DR
CLARKSTON MI 48348-3933



PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAILING ADDRESS! NOTIFY OUR MEMBERSHIP OFFICE OF ANY CHANGES (734) 483-4030 Ext 211

The Newsletter of the Yankee Air Force